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NEWS NEWS.

The bill allowing us to pay for the purchase of automobiles, with the time at which the car expires, on the margin of the Senate yesterday. It has passed the House, and we only need a majority in the Senate to make it a reality. Men, and boys were either so burned to death by the explosion in the Harvard, Rutland County, Vermont, that Jack and the crew of the ship, on the 16th inst. The explosion of rich discoveries of gas. One company has taken out of the instance, 800 pounds of gas and 500 pounds of gold, worth about \$500,000. The telegraph reports a very dense fog on the 16th inst. Paul, Ninn, on the 16th inst. The buildings were destroyed, with a loss of \$100,000.

from Mexico, state that

With his forces, appeared before the Gulf Coast at Vera Cruz on the 5th inst., and notified foreign representatives of his intention to take the city. On the night of the 7th inst. he attacked, but was repulsed by the Americans who are confident they can make a resistance.

Our Gulf squadron seems to have been sent against Mexico, at least against Vera Cruz, which acknowledges the control of the Gulf. Two Mexican prizes have been captured since the attack on Lizardo by the U. S. ship Saratoga, and now New Orleans. Great excitement exists among the Spanish and French residents of Vera Cruz, caused by this American squadron.

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OBITUARY.
Gov. William H. Russell.

William H. Russell was born near Catskill, New York, April 25, 1811. He was one of the pioneers of Otsego county. After he had migrated from Connecticut he believed he was a distinct relative of the late Governor William H. Russell, late Governor of the latter State. He received a liberal and thorough early education of young William was educated in one of the commonest of schools, where he managed to pay his way by alternately teaching and studying.

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of the State. His career in the army is well known to the country. At the battle of Gettysburg he displayed a coolness and military skill which elicited the special esteem of Taylor. On his return home, in 1863, he was elected captain of the 1st Cavalry from the 1st District, of which he resided unobtrusively in 1864. Mr. Fiske, the present representative of the district, was nominated for the same office, but General Taylor was elected. Of the three candidates he found that he received the fewest of votes by nearly 10,000. His defeat in 1864 on account of his opposition to Congress was a great disappointment of the value of the Negro. Particularly those of the 100,000 votes, and by his zealous opposition to the Reconstruction Congress he was able to secure the support of a Congressman with Jeff Davis then a Congressman from Mississippi, grew dissatisfied of the Illinois regiment commanded at Buena Vista. Mr. Fiske was a death blow to the Reconstruction and named the weapons—artillery the franchise of the people.

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given the assurance of his ability to handle the labor and fatigue incident to the campaign, he would have been the Republican choice for the Presidency instead of McKinley. His election as Governor of Illinois was a defeat of the Republicans.